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In its Memorandum and Order of March 23, 2020, the Court informed Practecol that default judgment may be entered against them if Defendant failed to obtain substitute counsel. As stated above, said Defendant has not obtained substitute counsel, and the Court now permits former defense counsel to withdraw. Therefore, the Court will order Plaintiff to file motions to strike Defendant's pleadings, for Clerk's entry of default and, if appropriate, for default judgment, within thirty days of the date of this Order.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that attorney Joseph E. Martineau and the law firm of Lewis Rice, LLC's motion to withdraw as counsel for Defendant (Doc. No. 33) is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that attorney Joseph E. Martineau and the law firm of Lewis Rice, LLC, are granted leave to withdraw from the representation of Defendant Practecol in this matter.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that within thirty (30) days of this Memorandum and Order, Plaintiff shall file separate motions to strike Defendant's pleadings, for Clerk's entry of default pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) and, if appropriate, for default judgment pursuant

to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b), along with all necessary supporting documentation and proposed order(s) for the Court's consideration.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2020.

/s/ Jean C. Hamilton  
JEAN C. HAMILTON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE